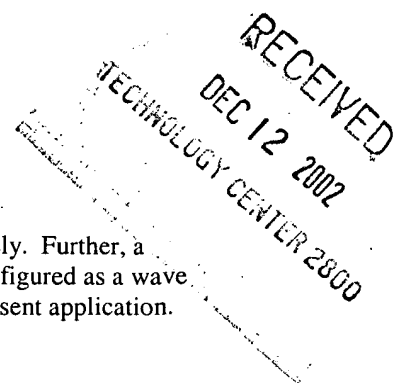


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- Regarding Claims 1 to 26
- Cited Literature 1 to 5

These are the same as the inventions described in Cited Literature 1 to 3 respectively. Further, a directional coupler, an array, a wave path diffraction lattice, and a fiber grating, etc configured as a wave path device to correct the diffractive index is well known prior to submission of the present application. (For example, refer to Cited Literature 4 and 5.)

List of Cited Literature, etc.

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For example, refer to {0010}, and Fig. 4.
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For example, refer to Fig. 3.
5. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. H7-294756  
For example, refer to Fig. 8.

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